

Director of Central Intelligence  
Security Committee  
Computer Security Subcommittee

DCISEC-CSS-M171

1. The one hundred and seventy-first meeting of the DCI SECOM Computer Security Subcommittee was held on 19 February, 1985 at the [redacted] The following persons were in attendance:

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[redacted] Executive Secretary  
Major Jack Freeman, Army  
Mr. Norm Clark, Navy  
Ms. Sue Berg, Navy  
Ms. Martha Tofferi, Air Force  
[redacted] SECOM  
[redacted] Chairman, SECOM  
[redacted] ISSG

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2. In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was chaired by the Executive Secretary.

3. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed, and accepted as presented.

4. The Subcommittee was visited by [redacted] the Chairman, SECOM. The bulk of the meeting involved a dialog between the membership and [redacted] concerning his perceptions of the Subcommittee, its goals, and progress toward those goals. He stated that the CSS is seen as "somewhat of an enigma"; it has not been producing a lot of output in recent memory. Additionally there was neither firm expectation of where the Subcommittee was going, nor of how and when it was going to get there. The membership, while accepting the criticisms, noted that there were several mitigating factors, namely the confusion over role and mission as a result of the [redacted] activity, and the inability of the SECOM to secure the levels of commitment originally required of the participating agencies. [redacted] noted that if there was no clearly articulated plan of action and indication of progress, then the responsibilities of the CSS will be absorbed by other groups; work that needs doing will get done, regardless of where the official responsibility lies. When asked what specific things the Subcommittee could do to improve its image, [redacted] suggested that, as a start, we should make something happen on PC guidelines and on the re-write of the DCID. He further observed that little actually happens in full committee meetings, that real progress requires dedicated attention by a small subset of the members, and requires schedules (even if self-imposed). Other ideas put forth were:

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- exchange of minutes with other SECOM subcommittees
- liaison/contacts across subcommittees (e.g., R&D)
- distribution of items of interest (e.g., DoDCSC EPL)

5. A copy of the "Supplement to ...DCID 1/16" (basically, the Safeguards paper produced under the [redacted] activities) was distributed. There was considerable discussion of this paper, primarily centering about the issues of scope and applicability (i.e., it specifically applies to "critical systems", which are not explicitly identified), and technical merit (i.e., were the mechanisms called out really good ideas?).

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6. The next meeting was scheduled for 19 March 1985 at the [redacted]

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Executive Secretary

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